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# CAN YOU AFFORD TO RETIRE?

*This short quiz may provide your answer.*

1. The U.S. Social Security System was designed in 1935 to supplement other retirement resources.  
(a) True      (b) False
  2. If in 1950 an average of 16 workers paid Social Security taxes for each person receiving benefits, how many workers will share this burden upon your retirement?  
(a) 16      (b) 12      (c) 6      (d) 2 or 3
  3. How much of your retirement needs can you currently expect the Social Security System to provide?  
(a) All the money required for a comfortable retirement.  
(b) Less than half the money you'll need.
  4. Can you rely on your company pension plan to compensate for possible reductions in Social Security benefits?  
(a) Yes      (b) No
  5. Because of recent tax law changes, a DFS Individual Retirement Account provides a new savings opportunity for:  
(a) Any wage earner  
(b) Workers not covered by Company Pension plans  
(c) Self-employed persons  
(d) All of the above.
6. How much can you now contribute in a new DFS Individual Retirement Account?  
(a) Up to \$2,000 for a single taxpayer  
(b) Up to \$4,000 for a working couple  
(c) Up to \$2,250 for a taxpayer with a non-working spouse  
(d) Up to \$7,500  
(e) Answers (a), (b), (c).
  7. What income level must you have to profit from a Deseret Federal I.R.A.?  
(a) Under \$20,000  
(b) \$20,000 - \$30,000  
(c) \$30,000 - \$40,000  
(d) Over \$40,000  
(e) Any of the above.
  8. At age 59½, how much would you have in your Deseret Federal I.R.A. if \$2,000 had been invested at 10% interest since age 34?  
(a) \$ 50,000      (b) \$104,000  
(c) \$250,000      (d) \$523,000
  9. Opening a Deseret Federal I.R.A. obligates you to contribute each year.  
(a) True      (b) False
  10. Investing money in a DFS Individual Retirement Account can put you in a lower tax bracket now.  
(a) True      (b) False

ANSWERS: 1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (d) 6. (e) 7. (e) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (a)

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# SUP HISTORY APPROVED FOR 50th ANNIVERSARY

by E. Kay Kirkham  
Historian

At the April board meeting of the National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers, upon the presentation of Chairman Dr. Orson D. Wright, the board approved the publication of a history for the SUP Fiftieth Anniversary. The committee named by the chairman was also approved. It is anticipated that the book will be ready before the anniversary on the 29th of March 1983.

A commemorative publication is timely for a society that has endured these fifty years. SUP has been privileged and fortunate to have had great leaders and generous benefactors of our National Society.

If past accomplishments are any indication of the future, much can yet be done in keeping with the objectives of our organization.

With this thought in mind I recall two inscriptions on the north portal of the National Archives at Washington, D.C. One says, STUDY THE PAST and the other, PAST IS PROLOGUE. Perhaps another said it better in other words: "We must think backward if we are to travel forward. Surely the roots of the present lie deep in the past. It is fitting that we should pause once in a while and take an inventory of the distance we have come and how the journey was made...the fathers have given a good account of themselves. We must ever be mindful, however, that a great past is of little value unless it stirs us on to a greater present and a nobler future." (Jesse M. Johnson, Baptist Church moderator, 1939.)

All chapters are requested to write a brief chapter history, the date of its charter and names of charter members in order that this information might be a part of the anniversary publication. Send all information to Chairman Dr. Orson D. Wright at national headquarters, 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109.

## The Cover

Photo by Eldon Linschoten

Extensively remodeled and expanded in recent years, and with a new Visitor's Center now complete, the Arizona Temple at Mesa crowns more than a century of Mormon pioneering in Arizona. Set like a precious gem in gracious surroundings, it attracts members from surrounding states and nonmembers from around the world.

It is located near the heart of activities for the SUP 1982 Encampment in October, 1982. (Stories, pp. 6-11)

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Feb.	7	2	1
Mar.	6	2	1
Apr.	7	6	4
Totals	24	10	6
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# The President's Page

## "Chapter Projects are the Key!"

The strength and vitality of SUP are best evident in its varied chapter activities. Exciting treks to historic sites with well planned itineraries and storytelling, interesting recitals of inspiring pioneer life sketches, challenging name memorialization assignments, rewarding completion of special heritage preservation projects and learning experiences associated with hearing exceptional speakers at chapter meetings have made SUP chapter membership one of the richest avenues to meaningful service and true brotherhood.

It has been most gratifying to receive proposals for chapter projects such as the East Mill Creek Chapter effort to finish the lower level of our headquarters building to provide an exceptionally fine hardwood floor and sound system to accommodate chapter dance instruction and parties. Their efforts and commitment are worthy of general support from all SUP members. With a little expanded commitment from some of their neighbor chapters, we will all be dancing by the end of 1982.

From the City Creek Chapter has come a fascinating proposal for a pioneer heritage lectures series to be

"centered around Brigham Young and the early pioneer experience in Utah." The lectures as proposed would be held monthly at our National Headquarters. They would be free to the public and, ideally, co-sponsored by the City Creek Chapter of SUP, the National Board of SUP, the Utah Historical Society and the Utah Endowment for Humanities.

Paul S. Smart and Ronald G. Watt of the City Creek Chapter have suggested five extraordinarily interesting subjects and speakers to kickoff the lecture series:

1. "Brigham Young, the Man and the Pioneer" by Leonard Arrington.
2. "Living with the Principle: Brigham Young's Households" by Jeffery Johnson.
3. "Woman's Place in Brigham Young's World" by Jill Mulvay Derr.
4. "Beyond the Stereotypes: The Colorful Brigham Young" by Ronald Esplin.
5. "The Legacy of Brigham Young" by Charles Peterson.

All chapters will undoubtedly encourage their members to participate



in the lecture series which we hope to begin this September. It is suggested that the series continue monthly as a well coordinated educational program of the SUP. I have contacted several history professors who have expressed the view that such a lectures series could become one of the finest educational and cultural offerings in the State of Utah.

A reminder to us all should be our continuing need for all members and chapters to exert their best efforts to expand our name memorialization program. Every chapter should have an active name memorialization committee soliciting new names for our Pioneer Hall of Fame. And each member should regularly invite family, friends and neighbors to join with us in remembering those who gave so much that our lives could be so rich.

William J. Critchlow III  
President

### REPORT SUP BUILDING FUND PROGRESS

In five months, since November, 1981, indebtedness on the new SUP building has been reduced by \$50,000, from \$85,606 to \$35,051, and the number of creditors cut from 24 firms to four, announced Jack Nielsen, executive secretary.

Total value of the building has been set at \$971,640, just short of \$1 million, including \$205,131, more than 20 percent, in donated items and services. But the remaining balance requires renewed chapter and individual efforts.

A total of 2,219 individual contributors of cash and memorialization gifts have been recorded including SUP Chapters/members totaling 1,242 donors; members at large, 101; Daughters of Utah Pioneer members, 100; and from other individuals not formally

associated with either, 776.

President William J. Critchlow III has urged the memorialization of 350 more pioneer names by July 24th to retire that debt. Chapter and members could free the building from red ink by meeting their individual and chapter assessments, announced in late 1981.

#### ADD NAMES

Another 180 names of post-1869 pioneers is needed to fill the first of the new panels to honor those who came or were born after the driving of the Golden Spike. There is space for 170 more names on the ninth panel for the memorial gallery honoring those who came or were born earlier.

Guests attending wedding receptions have noted the absence of prominent pioneer names, and that wives of pioneers are often missing.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Date	Creditors	Due
Nov. 6	24	\$85,606.35
Dec. 3	22	76,883.02
Dec. 31	19	74,932.54
Feb. 4	8	59,713.48
March 5	4	41,051.71
April 12	4	35,051.36

TOTAL COST: National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers' Headquarters

Paid to 4/12/82: . \$731,377.64

Past due ..... 35,051.36

TOTAL .... \$766,329.00

Plus donated:

Items/Services: . . . \$205,131.00

TOTAL VALUE .. \$971,460.00

#### LIST OF DONORS:

All Chapters .....	1,242
Members At Large ..	101
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DUP Members .....	100
Grand Total ..	2,219

# Openings for Hosting at Pioneer Village

Would you like to enjoy a special hosting experience this summer at Pioneer Village? Or do you know someone who would? If so, here is an opportunity for unique service - something like that experienced on Temple Square.

The Lagoon Corporation extended to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the privilege of conducting hosting activities at Pioneer Village at Lagoon. This effort comes under the direction of the Utah Salt Lake City North Mission.

During the latter part of the Lagoon season last summer the Mission conducted hosting activities with considerable success. Looking forward to another great year for Pioneer Village, the help of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and their wives is invited.

Mission President Robert E. Bateman, considers this a great opportunity to share the "pioneer story" and Gospel message in a

gracious, but natural, way with the thousands of people who visit Pioneer Village.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers have a deep interest in Pioneer Village and in sharing our pioneer heritage with all who visit this great "living museum".

Those who have the time and would enjoy sharing the Gospel message in a great pioneer setting, should let it be known. Personal qualifications for hosting services at Pioneer Village are similar to those required for service on Temple Square.

If you are interested and available, or have someone to recommend, contact Macoy A. McMurray, who serves as a counselor in the Mission Presidency and is the Chairman of the Pioneer Village Development Committee for The Sons of the Utah Pioneers. Brother McMurray's office and home addresses and telephone

## Fly to Mesa for SUP Encampment

A charter flight for 96 persons is planned with Republic Airlines for the Mesa Encampment, tentatively leaving October 21 and returning October 25. The estimated round trip cost is \$167 per person, Salt Lake City to Phoenix.

Make reservations by July 1st through chapter officers of Fred Newson, Sugarhouse Chapter, phone 467-7858. Local transportation and Mesa accommodations are extra. Fare must be prepaid.

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## Elections Open Soon for National Vice Presidents Under New Procedures

National Vice Presidents will be elected at the 1982 Mesa Encampment under new rules requiring that the voting take place in Area Meetings, as approved by 1981 Encampment delegates.

Before June 1, the national society's nominating committee will call for open nominations from all chapters, to be reported to the committee before July 1. The names compiled will be distributed to chapters, and campaigning may begin between chapters in the appropriate areas.

Incumbent national vice presidents must plan and conduct the required meetings for their area and complete the elections before the General Business meeting, where results will be announced. Nominations can be made during the area sessions, whose sole agenda is to conduct the election.

The procedure was adopted to develop the fairest and most effective method of electing outstanding leaders to these vital positions. Those with inquiries about the new rules are invited to contact Dr. Orson D. Wright, past national president, or Jack Nielsen, executive secretary.

# LDS Settlements at Mesa Surpass Original Campsite

Note: This is the last of a series of articles on the history of Mormon pioneers in Arizona. The series was made possible by the efforts of Spencer D. Madsen, national vice president, and through the courtesy of Mesa Public Schools.

In the last issue, the initial settlement in the Salt River Valley was described. Under direction of Daniel W. Jones, Jonestown or Fort Utah was founded.

by Spencer D. Madsen

## FORT UTAH

The original Mormon Pioneer settlement was known as Fort Utah, Utahville and Jonesville. Today this site is known as Lehi, Arizona.

Many men in the group resented Jones' friendship with local Indians. When Jones invited several Indian families to come and live within the settlement, several families revolted. In August 1877, with permission of the First Presidency, the families of Philemon Merrill, George Steele, Joseph McRae and Austin Williams left Jonesville traveling south to the San Pedro River area near the present St. David area. The remaining families remained in Jonesville.

Daniel Jones wrote a letter to President Brigham Young requesting permission to leave Jonesville. With permission, he moved to Hayden, later to Utah, California and Mexico doing missionary work among the Indians. He would return to Mesa again in 1915 to live with his son.

## DESTROYED BY FLOOD

Thomas Biggs constructed the first home in Jonesville in 1878, in

the quartersection southwest of the fort. A school was built during the same year. In 1891, the Salt River flooded, destroying most of the area of Jonesville. Faithfully, they rebuilt the settlement but it never has grown as rapidly as has the nearby Mesa area.

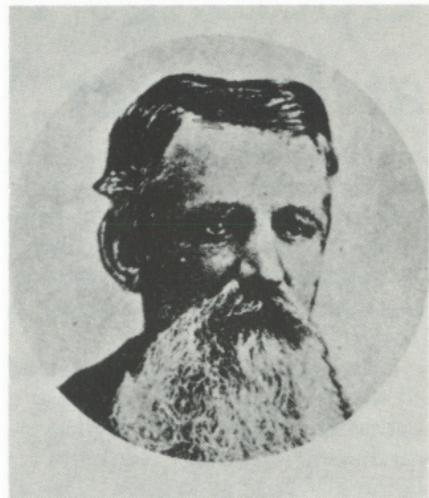
During the Salt River flood of 1979, a monument erected in 1931 near the first campsite was destroyed. There are no plans to restore this monument until a better flood control can be established on the Salt River.

The Mesa Company, founded Mesa under the direction of the Charles Crismon, Francis M. Pomeroy, George W. Sirrine and Charles I. Robson families. Many other families would join these four major families as pioneers of the present city of Mesa.

Charles Crismon, an early Utah colonizer heard about the climate in the Salt River Valley. He discussed his plan with President Brigham Young in 1877. On May 13, 1877, Charles Crismon and his son-in-law, George W. Sirrine were called by President Young to go south to establish a colony in the Salt River Valley.

In April 1877, Francis M. Pomeroy — then living in Paris, Idaho — received a letter from his friend Henry C. Rogers from Jonesville describing the sunshine and fertile lands located in the area. Francis talked to his wife and son, John about moving there but at first they did not think such a move to be a wise one.

In May, George Sirrine came to Paris with news of a call from President Young to go to Arizona. Pomeroy and other families left the Bear Lake area in September. They reached



ed Salt Lake late and the Charles Crismon group had already left without them. The Idaho group overtook the Crismon party near Lee's Ferry crossing of the Colorado River. The total group known as the Mesa Company numbered over eighty-three individuals.

Why would people give up well established, comfortable homes and enter on such a trip? They had been called to go by the Prophet of the Lord. Then, there was the spirit of adventure. Francis Pomeroy had ferried many groups across the cold Platte River in Idaho and the long hours in the cold water had caused him to suffer from rheumatism. He thought, the warm dry area might prove beneficial to his health.

The Mesa company followed the well-established routes of Jacob Hamblin and others through the upper Little Colorado River area, even with the hazard of crossing the Grand Canyon and the Colorado

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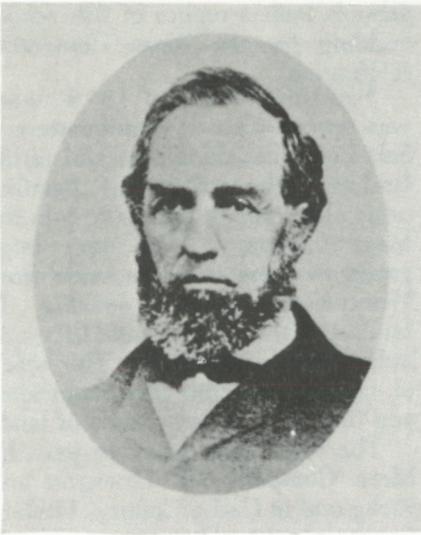
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*Charles Crismon*

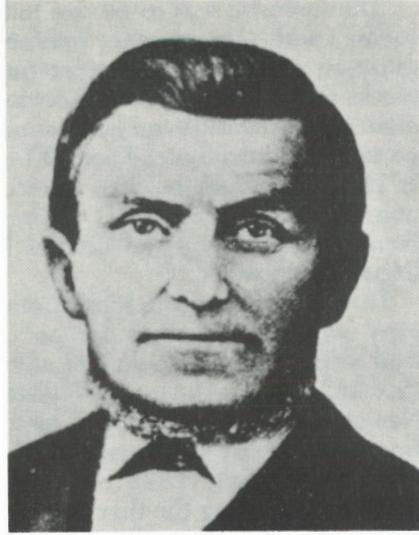
River.

The Mesa Company journeyed up the Sevier River to Panguitch, then continued south to Kanab where the Jacob Hamblin road was reached. This route led east to the Buckskin Mountains (Kaibab Plateau) and the heavily forested area. The adventures of the Grand Canyon area were known to this group and they looked forward to viewing this great chasm. The group stopped at Soap Springs to rest and to give the party members the opportunity to view this great spectacle. Leaving Soap Springs the party traveled through House Rock Valley to the Lee's Ferry crossing. The entire company were transported over the river without any loss of accident.

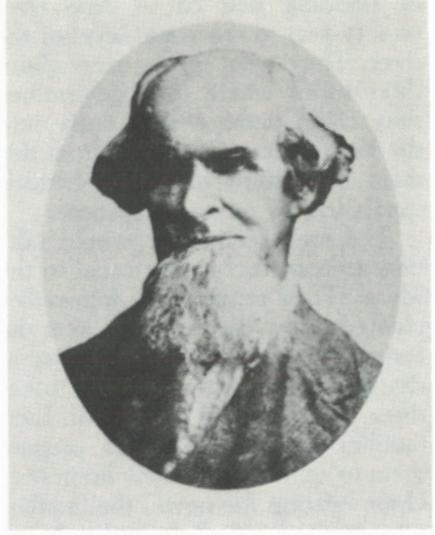
#### *UP THE CLIFF*

Now the company faced a new challenge. Running directly up from the river was a steep dugway cut into the sandstone cliff called Lee's Backbone. The dugway was about a foot wider than a wagon. A sheer wall extended up one side with a sharp drop of several hundred feet on the other side. The entire wagon train, stock and members of the company, many walking close to the sheer ledges ascended the "Backbone."

Now there was before them a



*Francis M. Pomeroy*



*George W. Surrine*

very steep slope downgrade. Brakes set, logs tied down to the wheels, ropes extending behind, the wagons were moved safely one at a time down the slope. They stopped to rest. It was November 17.

From this point the company followed a well-defined road used by the Little Colorado settlements. The route passed Navajo Springs, the Echo Cliffs and on to Willow Spring, Bitter Springs and Moenkopi, turning westward toward the Little Colorado River past the Black Falls to the Grand Falls where a ford crossed the river. The route continued along the west bank of the river to the settlement of Brigham City. Here, on Christmas Eve, a baby girl was born to the Charles Crismon family.

From Brigham City the company passed near the present site of Winslow through Sunset Pass and across the Mogollon Mountains to Pine Springs near Mormon Lake. They continued on to the headwaters of Beaver Creek about fifteen miles above Camp Verde. The leaders felt this would be a good place to rest.

The four leaders, Crismon, Pomeroy, Surrine and Robson traveled on to the Salt River Valley to look over their future homesite.

They would go through the community of Phoenix, cross the Salt River at Hayden's Ferry and go up the south side of the river to Jonesville. As the four men met Jones they were invited to remain and become a part of this community.

The four men felt that their numbers would overcrowd this community and they did not want or desire to join in the United Order so they began looking over the surrounding areas for a possible settlement of their own.

#### *IRRIGATION NEEDED*

On the highland or Mesa to the south lay acres which appeared to be fertile land — but it would need irrigation. Daniel Jones pointed out to them the outlines of a historic water channel called the Montezuma Canal. This canal had in the past brought water to the higher tableland. The result of the Montezuma Canal was traced by the four men. As they followed the route downstream they became convinced that at some previous period in history there had been an irrigation system of canals in this area. With these thoughts in their minds, they retraced their steps up the canal and over the bluff to the river's edge. Years

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of flooding had cut a drop over twenty-feet to the water level of the river. They went up the river about three miles where they determined they could make a new entry into the Montezuma Canal and from this main canal into the other historic canals left by an earlier people.

The men realized it would take time to construct a new canal to the Mesa. They returned to Jonesville, planted a few garden crops near the Jonesville site and left Crisman in charge of their interests. The other three men returned to be with their families at Beaverhead to prepare them to come to their new homesite. Upon hearing the news, the families were excited and all desired to be on their way to the Salt River Valley, the Valley of the Sun with Mesa as their new home.

Early on the morning of February 14, 1878, the Mesa Company arrived in Jonesville. The main party moved on up the river near to where the canal would be dug to take the water to the Mesa. The leaders of the company proceeded to locate a townsit about a mile south of the rise from the river bottom.

The townsit was to be one mile square with streets one hundred thirty-two feet wide separating blocks of ten acres. Theodore Sirrine platted the townsit and later would go to the United States Land Office in Florence, where he filed on section 22 with George W. Sirrine, Francis M. Pomeroy and Charles I. Robson as trustees.

Later the men of the Mesa Company would select their portion of land based upon the amount of work they had done on the canal. William Newell was the first family to move from the tent city on the river to the Mesa in October, 1878. The distinction of building the first home in Mesa, however, belongs to Francis M. Pomeroy.

#### HOUSE AND CHURCH

The building served as a home for the Pomeroy family, as an early community center with church services being held each Sunday. The first school house was built on the corner of Sirrine and First Avenue in 1878. Mary Pomeroy was the first teacher. One hundred years later, the students of the Mesa Public

Schools built a replica of this school building for the Mesa Centennial celebration.

Towards the end of 1878, word was sent to Church Headquarters in Salt Lake that there was still fertile land available on the Mesa. Families came alone and in groups to join the Mesa Company. The next large group to come to Mesa came from Montpelier, Idaho, arriving in January 1879. There were fifty-one individuals in this party. The heads of families selected their homesites and filed for quartersections of land.

The third large party to join the Mesa Company left Lewiston and Richmond in Cache County, Utah in January 1880. They, too followed the route of the Mesa Company. When they arrived a few months later they considered locating within the Mesa townsit, but most of the good sites had been taken and noting another desirable area to the west they moved into that area establishing Stringtown. The Mesa Company gave them permission to extend the canal to this area.

Source:  
OUR TOWN - MESA, ARIZONA  
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The tour ends in Salt Lake City at approximately 6 P.M. on Oct. 26th.

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## Honored at Box Elder

Each month, the Box Elder Chapter honors one of its couples during the regular dinner meeting in recognition of service to community, family and SUP.

Honored in February were Alice and James H. Norman, followed by Camille and Glen Bennion in March and Martha and A. V. Smoot in April.

## OFFER AIDS FOR MEMORIAL NAMES

The following lists are available from National Society, Sons of Utah Pioneers office, for individuals or chapters who wish to memorialize pioneer names:

1. July 24, 1847 company
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6. General Authorities list

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Dick planned and conducted the Mormon Battalion Trek through Arizona to California and the trek to dedicate the Mormon Pioneer Memorial Bridge at Florence, Nebraska, in 1952, while he was National President.

Dick is an owner of Beehive Tours and Travel.

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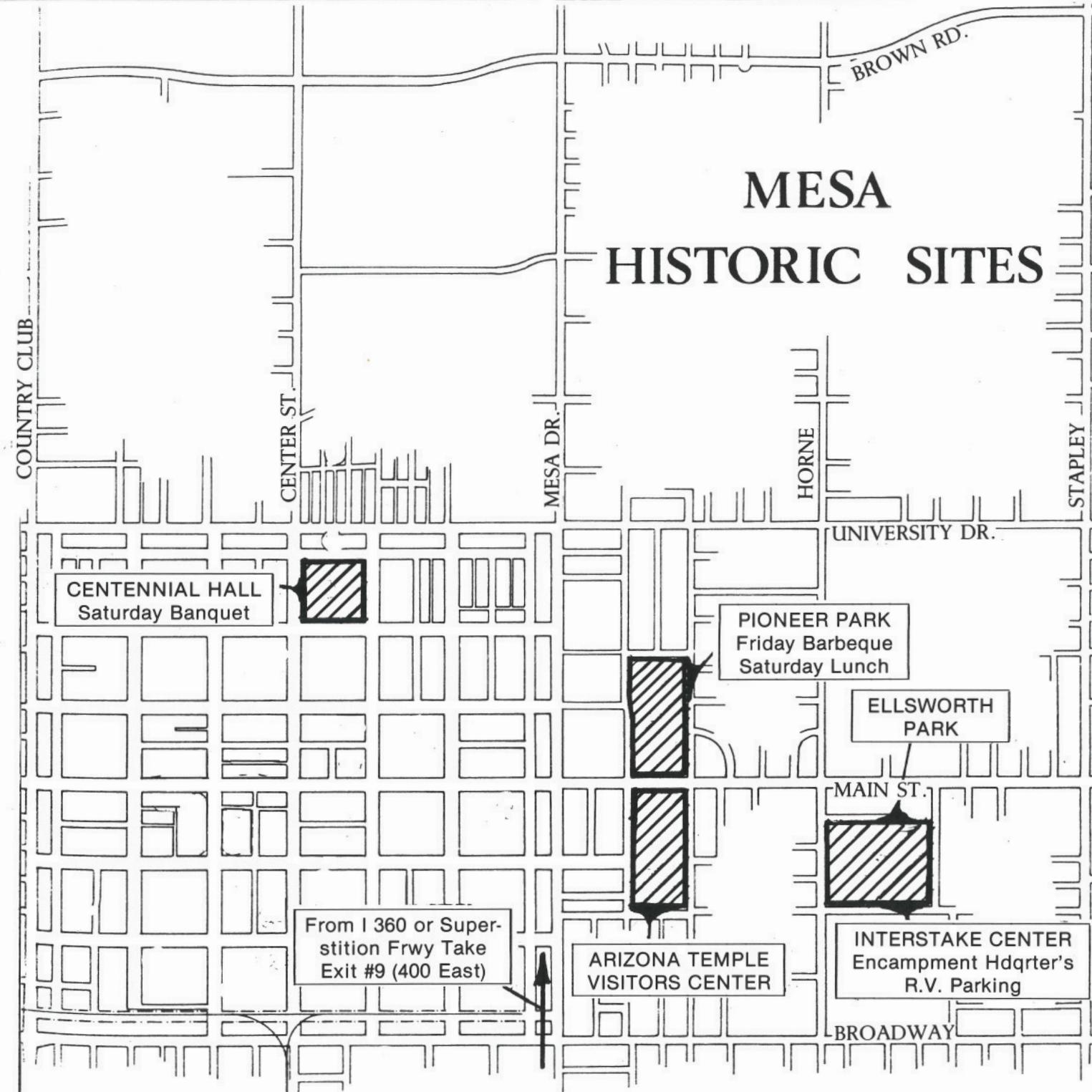
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### THURSDAY, Oct. 21

- 9:00 a.m. Registration at Mesa Interstake Center (ISC)
- 3:00 p.m. Arizona Chapel Service and Temple Session
- 7:00 p.m. Film Strip Presentation (ISC)
  - to A. Mesa - Then and now
  - B. Early Pioneer migrations into Northern Arizona and Gila Valley.

### FRIDAY, Oct. 22

- 7:30 a.m. to Registration at ISC
- 10:00 a.m.
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast near ISC until 8:30 a.m.
- 8:30 a.m. Tours begin
  - A. Short tour - approximately 4 hour including lunch at Pioneer Park in Mesa.
  - B. Extended tour - approximately 2½ hours longer including Phoenix and Scottsdale. Return to Mesa about 5 p.m.
- 6:30 p.m. Barbeque and Musical Program north end of Pioneer Park.

### SATURDAY, Oct. 23

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast near ISC until 8:30 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m. Business meeting and election of officers - until noon ISC
- 9:30 a.m. Women's meeting - 11th and 13th Ward Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Musical program North end Pioneer Park.
- 4:00 p.m. Musical program - Arizona Temple Visitors Center
- 6:30 p.m. Presidents Installation Banquet -Centennial Hall.

### MONDAY, Oct. 25

- TBA Temple Session if sufficient desire to attend

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# Women Among the Wagons



Jane Rio Griffiths Baker

An English widow  
who brought  
her family  
to Utah  
in 1881

## A Pioneer ‘Legacy’

*Editor's Note: Throughout The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, its women were honored by a special ‘Legacy’ observance last month. The PIONEER is pleased to join in this celebration of LDS women by publishing this article. It is one of a series appearing each issue through the efforts of City Creek Chapters, Sons of Utah Pioneers.*

by Jeffery O. Johnson  
City Creek Chapter

The Mormon migration to the Salt Lake Valley was usually a family project. Women and children had important parts to play in the journey. Sometimes women were partners with their husbands in getting the family to Utah. Other times they were temporarily heads of families who later joined their husbands at the end of the trail.

Often women became permanent heads of families when their husbands died or refused to follow the Church into the desert. Single women often traveled as temporary members of other families for the journey. Many of these were young girls who hoped to be reunited with family members in the Valley. The reminiscences and journals of these women give us interesting details concerning life on the plains.

Bathsheba Bigler Smith, wife of apostle George A. Smith, remembered the hard time the European immigrants had in adjusting to frontier travel. She wrote:

Twenty four of the wagons of our company belonged to the Welsh Saints, who had been led from Wales by Elder Dan Jones, they did not know

anything about driving oxen. It was very amusing to see them yoke their cattle; two would have an animal by the horns, one by the tail, one or two others would do their best to put on the yoke whilst the apparently astonished ox, not at all enlightened by the guttural sound of the Welch tongue seemed perfectly at a loss what to do or to know what was wanted of him.

An English widow, Jane Rio Baker, saw it from another point of view. She wrote in her diary:

I can just fancy how you would laugh, could you see us, taking our first lesson in ox-driving, and our cattle taking every direction, except a straight forward one.

The wagons would be home for the family on the journey and temporary shelter after arrival until a log home was built. Women had the responsibility to make the wagon comfortable. Bathsheba Smith wrote:

I had hanging up on the inside a looking glass, candlestick, pin cushion, etc. In the center of our wagon we had room for four chairs in which we and our two children sat and rode when we chose. The floor of our traveling house was carpeted, and we made ourselves as comfortable as we could under our circumstances.

Many times women had to drive the wagons. When Joseph Mount's hired teamster left him part way in the journey, his wife had to drive the extra wagon. She would yoke and unyoke the oxen in addition to her other duties. Her daughter, Mary Jane Mount Tanner, describes her mother's difficult time:

As we reached the mountains the roads were very rough and she often had to spring from the wagon to guide the cattle

# The Mormon Migration From Another Perspective

and keep the wagon from being upset. One of her oxen would never learn to hold back, and when going down-hill she had to hold his horn with one hand and pound his nose with the other to keep him from running into the wagon ahead of him. Many times the bushes caught her dress in the wagon wheels and she had no choice but to run on, leaving pieces behind her.

Besides helping at the births along the way, women often did other necessary medical work. Jane Rio Baker wrote in her diary:

Ferried over the Elk Horn (River) in safety; except one of Chatterley's company who caught his hand in a chain, bursting one of his fingers, making a rent of one and one half inches long. Mrs. Joseph Pierce and I sewed it up between us and dressed it well as we could.

Margaret Gay Judd Clawson was a teenager when she traveled with her family to Utah. Her reminiscences of the trip are full of teenage enthusiasm. She wrote:

Oh, the monotony of camp life when not traveling. How delighted we all were when we started our journey for good. Everything was bright and beautiful. I was young and healthy. (Life was) colored rose for me. The responsibilities, anxieties and cares rested on my parents. In traveling as we did, one day was very like another. After jogging along all day we camped at night. The men took care of the cattle, while the women got supper. After that was over the young folks generally made a bonfire and sat around it, talked, told stories, sung songs, and etc.

There were several nice young men in our company which made it interesting for the girls.

Sarah Burbank was also a teenager during the trip, but she performed many adult duties. She wrote:

Abby died with cholera and was buried without a coffin by the Platte River along with others. We had to go on in the morning, never to see their graves again. The night that Abby was buried the wolves were howling. It was awful to hear the dirt thrown on their bodies. A young lady and I were the only ones to wash and dress her with what we could find--her underclothes and nightgown. We sewed her up in a sheet and quilt. That was all that could be done for her burial. All the women in the camp were afraid to prepare the body for burial for fear they would catch the cholera from her. This young girl and I were not afraid to take care of the body. We were only sixteen years old but brave in that case.

When the companies would stop, the women washed and mended their clothes; cooked food and tended their babies as well as nursed the sick and buried the dead. Some would also write in their journals. Martha Spence Heywood explained her chance to write:

The breaking of an axeltree has given me an opportunity to journalize a little and here I will record a providential incident. On Tuesday morning Sister Butterfield lost an ox and was obliged to start without making as much search as wished, which grieved her very sorely and did not feel reconciled to give up hunting him. In the course of the day

an ox was found by Capt. Barry's ten (where she is) that was so weak from the "scours" (dysentery) (evidently left behind by some forward company) that the men rejected him but Sister Butterfield thought she could cure him and drove him along with some trouble at first but today (Thursday) he travels well and turns out to be a better animal than the one she lost. Our axeltree is almost replaced and in ten minutes we will be rolling.

Sister Butterfield, like so many pioneer women, knew what she and her family needed and worked to get it. It took courage to go against the judgement of the men of the company, but she was rewarded by getting the ox she needed. The pioneer women were strong and were made a little stronger by their experiences.

Jane Rio Baker wrote in her diary on September 26, 1851:

We had this day a view of Salt Lake Valley from the summit of a mountain...The descent of the mountain was awfully steep and dangerous for about four miles. I took our little stranger (her new grandson) in my arms and walked the distance, for it was as much as Eliza could do to hold herself firmly in bed...When I arrived at the base of the mountain, I turned to look at the coming wagons and was actually terrified to see them rushing down, though both wheels were locked. No accident occurred.

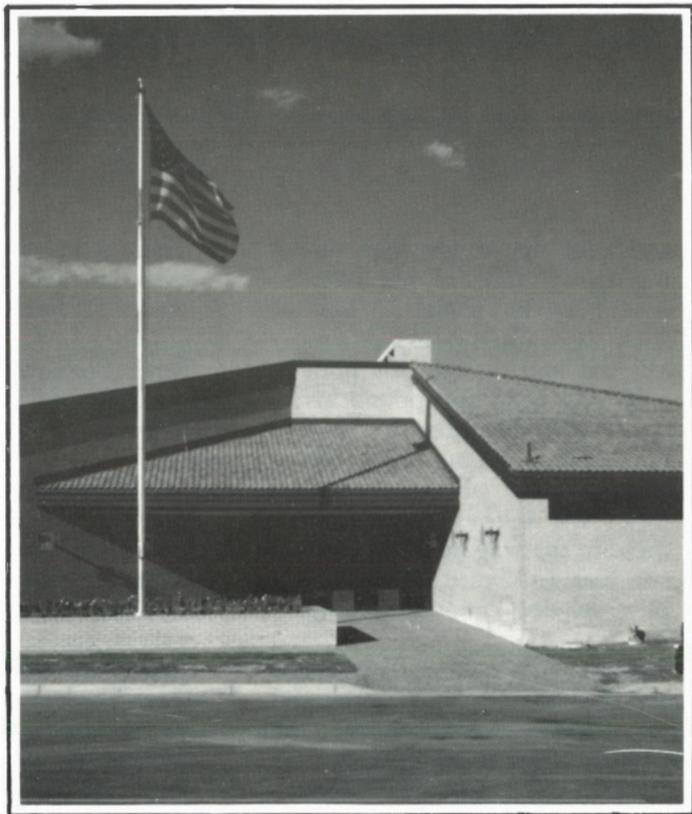
When these women arrived in the Salt Lake Valley their destination had been reached, but their pioneering did not stop. The skills that they developed on the trip helped them and their families as they settled the Great Basin.

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# Temple Quarry Meets Monthly

by Myrtle Wright

As Temple Quarry Chapter meets each month, we are welcoming new members and renewing old friendships. A feeling of comradeship is evident at each meeting.

The March meeting was held at the BiCentennial Park building in Sandy. Secretary Lawrence Etherington conducted the meeting with President George Krebs presiding. A delicious pot luck dinner was served to 67.

President Krebs presented membership certificates to Fred McBride, Arvid Webster, Mont Robbins, Craig Mills, Everett Taylor, John Green and Lawrence Etherington. A life membership was presented to Roy Maughan.

A musical program was presented by the Jesse Family.

The April meeting was held on the 8th. A pot luck dinner was again enjoyed. Trek Master, Glen Greenwood conducted the meeting with President George Krebs presiding. Glen gave a short Pioneer story.

A membership certificate was presented to Wayne Olson. A life membership was presented to Harold Hall.

The speaker for the evening was James Kimball. He portrayed and gave a history of his uncle, Golden Kimball.

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Wives of officers are front: Clarissa Giles, Elma Johnson, Elsie Rasmussen, Joyce Drake, Betty Francis. Top row: Rayola Smith and Fay Eldredge.

## Jordan River Temple Charter

by Steve Kirkham

The main goal of the chapter is to reach seventy-five members by their June meeting when the group is to receive their charter with the National Society.

The April meeting at the Jordanelle Reception Center, with sixty-seven members and wives in attendance, was thrilled to hear the story of the Nauvoo statues and gardens by Sister Florence Hansen who created the statues of "Emma and Joseph" and "Sharing Talents".

Summer activities will include a picnic with the Temple Quarry Chapter in the Riverton Park on August 12, 1982; a full busload will be ready for the national encampment at Mesa, Arizona.

Within their enlistment program a special emphasis is given to have fathers and sons join in chapter activities.

## Author Asks Aid

Three Mormon Battalion scouts in advance of a party of discharged battalion members and other Saints travelling from California to Utah were brutally murdered at a spot now called Tragedy Spring in El Dorado National Forest at Carson Pass, California. Their names; Ezrah Allen, Daniel Browett and Henderson Cox.

A Latter-day Saint writer, Norma B. Ricketts requests historical information or illustrations about the event or its participants to meet a June 1st printing deadline. Send to 3220 Eastwood Road, Sacramento, California 95821.

The booklet, along with others, may be made available through SUP, pending National Board approval. \$1 of each \$3.50 booklet sold would remain with SUP.

# Record Roster of SUP Life Members

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717	Jon Christian Kennedy	MtOl	760	Asael M. Wallace	TB	784	Harold T. Sutton	GAS
718	Oliver Clarence Carlsen	UnFt	761	George A. Ford	MtOg	785	Kenner B. Clayton	GAS
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BOX ELDER OFFICERS, 1982 — Front, left to right: Sam Gordon, past president; Conway Parry, president-elect; J. C. Haws, president; Howard Kelly, vice president. Rear. Arland DuVall, director; Melvin Nelson, historian; Blaine Olsen, national vice president; Carlyle Jensen, secretary; LeRoy Ward, reporter. Absent: William Kruger, Herman Hadfield, Douglas Cannon, director.

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by D.P. Bartschi

Mrs. Eileen R. Dunyon represented Utah in the AMERICAN MOTHER OF THE YEAR selection at the National Conference of AMERICAN MOTHERS, INC., held this year in Salt Lake City from April 28th through May 1st at the Hotel Utah.

Mrs. Dunyon is well known to SUP members and especially by the East Mill Creek Chapter. She and her husband, the late Joy F. Dunyon, were influential in the early organization and guidance of the Chapter.

She has two sons, two daughters and 17 grandchildren. She says, "They still come to me with all their successes and what's happening -both good and bad". She has an illustrious and distinguished background of service to her Church, her family, her nation and society.

Eileen is a native Idahoan, born to John W. and Olive Stone Robin-

## Two Markers Placed On Battalion Trail in Kansas

Two new trail markers were dedicated on April 17, 1982 to honor the five companies of the U.S. Mormon Battalion which marched west across the Kansas area in 1846 enroute to the Pacific Ocean.

Thomas K. Nelson, Manhattan, KS, reported the events. The first ceremony took place at Council

son in Preston, Idaho. She was well tutored at an early age by her parents to set high goals for herself -she became the valedictorian of her high school graduating class and received a degree from the University of Utah, where she was elected to Phi Kappa Phi.

Eileen's philosophy is that a mother's first responsibility is to her children and family and second is to herself in developing her own talents. East Mill Creek Chapter members are justly proud of her accomplishments.

Grove during the morning. Then after traveling about 60 miles south west to McPherson, the second dedication was completed.

Jerry Jacobs of Wichita, is also involved in honoring the history of the Mormon volunteers who served in the U.S. Army of the West. Last fall he assisted the bus load of Utahns who attended the dedication of a monument to Lt. Col. James Allen at Ft. Leavenworth.

Col. Allen was the officer who conferred with Pres. Brigham Young and then recruited the U.S. Mormon Battalion which he marched to Ft. Leavenworth where they received the military supplies needed.

Favored by the Pioneer volunteers, Col. Allen was scheduled to be their leader in the trek west to support General Kearney in the Mexican War. Unfortunately, however, he took sick and died at Ft. Leavenworth, KS.

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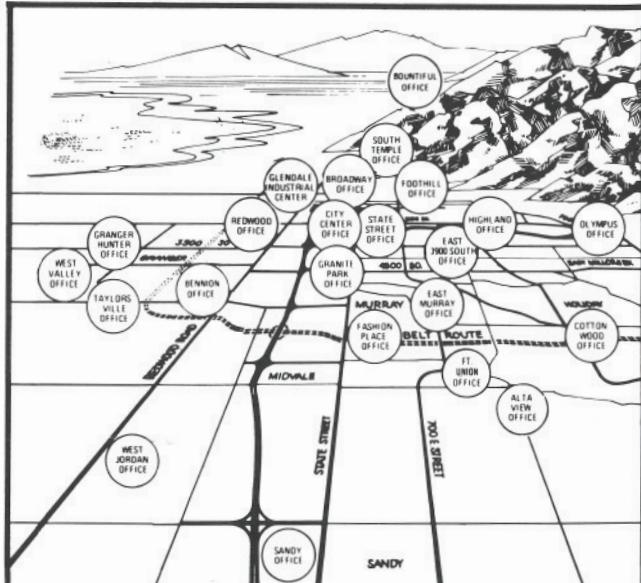
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He was born March 7, 1896, in Thatcher, a son of Carol Johan and Wilhelmina Peterson Petersen.

He married Olive Miller on Feb. 18, 1920 in the Salt Lake LDS temple.

A lifelong resident of Box Elder county, he spent his boyhood in Thatcher and Penrose.

In 1916, he was called to serve the LDS church as a missionary in Norway for three years.

He and his wife owned a farm and he was a buyer for the Globe Milling company. In 1934, he was elected Box Elder county assessor. He remained in office 32 years.

He was a charter member, director and president of the Brigham City Lions club, chairman of the March of Dimes, on the Red Cross committee, was a Boy Scout director and member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He served as bishop for 14 years in the Penrose ward and in Brigham City First ward for six years.

Survivors include his wife of Brigham City; two sons, Verl L. Petersen of Brigham City and Fred Lowell Petersen of Bountiful; two daughters, Mrs. Paul W. (Elvera) Seeley of Tooele, Mrs. Rex C. (LeOra) Baron of Brigham City; 17 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, and burial was in the Brigham City cemetery.

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## Lowell Woodward

Lowell Woodward, 70, past president of the Brigham Young chapter of SUP, died March 2 at his home in Provo.

He was born January 17, 1912 in Franklin, Idaho, the son of Ivan and Emily Rosina Hart Woodward. He married Dorothy Sampson, April 8, 1936 in the Logan Temple.

A graduate of Preston High School and Utah State University, he received a masters degree from Brigham Young University. He served as a soil scientist for the US Forest Service and Soil Conservation Service until his retirement in 1974. He was also a part time instructor in agronomy at B.Y.U.

Active in scouting, he held positions in the M.I.A., Sunday School, priesthood quorums, was a ward and stake clerk and an ordinance worker in the Provo Temple.

Survivors include his wife, one son, John Lowell Woodward of East Hanover, N.J.; two daughters, Mrs. B. Lynn (Beth) Crandall of Springville and Mrs. David (Sharon) Smith of Pleasant Grove; 14 grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Victor (Sabina) Jorgensen of Preston, Idaho and Mrs. Edith Abersold of Logan, Ivan Woodward of Franklin, Idaho, and Guy Woodward of Salt Lake City.

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## Cyrene Neff Bagley

Cyrene Neff Bagley, 89, died March 26, 1982 at home in Cottonwood, Salt Lake County, Utah.

Born on June 16, 1892 in Cottonwood to Edward Cyrenus and Amanda Neff Bagley. Married Martha Davidson, on July 18, 1917 in the Logan LDS Temple. She died on July 22, 1948. Attended Utah State Agricultural College prior to serving an LDS Mission to France, Switzerland, and Great Britain, October, 1913-June 1916.

Rancher at Callao, Utah, all his life. Organized Callao Irrigation Co. Always active in the LDS Church, member Bishopric Brinton Ward, Branch President at Callao many years. Member, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

Survived by children: three sons and three daughters, David C., Callao, Utah; Mrs. D.L. (Marian) Woodward, Mrs. Harvey (Jean) Lloyd, Frank D., and Mrs. Frank P. (Catherine) Reese, all of Salt Lake City; brothers and sisters, Charles Stuart, Alma Gordo, New Mexico; Hattie Maughan, Logan; Ames K. Bagley; Maxine Lind; Isabelle Bartholomew, all Salt Lake City; Edward N. Bagley, Beverly Hills, Calif. 31 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren. One son, Charles R., preceded him in death.

Funeral services, March 29. Interment, Elysian Burial Gardens.

## Bud L. Bonnett Heads Provo SUP

Bud L. Bonnett, superintendent of the Provo City Power Department, was installed Feb. 24 as president of the George A. Smith Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for the coming year.

He succeeds Dean D. Boshard, who headed the organization during 1981.

Others named to chapter offices are: Clyde Jones, president-elect for 1983; Hollis V. Johnson, vice president; Verl G. Dixon, secretary; Floyd K. Giles, treasurer; and John W. Taylor, chaplain.

The installation dinner meeting was addressed by two representatives of the national SUP organization from Salt Lake City; Glen A. Lloyd, president-elect and John J. Nielsen, executive secretary. They reported on the progress of the memorialization of the names of Utah pioneers who are sponsored by descendants on honor plaques in the new SUP headquarters building that was opened last fall.

## \*\*\*\*\* STORY DEADLINES

August 15th is the deadline for the SUP Pioneer Story Contest, with youth and senior writers invited to submit manuscripts based on true experiences in either Arizona or Utah/Great Basin divisions.

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Not all Sons of Utah Pioneers were exemplary. In 1896 Butch Cassidy and his Wild Bunch camped at the mouth of Weber Canyon after robbing a Montpelier, Idaho, bank to obtain money to pay an attorney to defend their buddy, Matt Warner, jailed in Ogden for an alleged Vernal, Utah, murder.

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